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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Tuesday July 17, 1722.

From the Evening Post, July 12.
Since our last arrived one Mail from France, and one from Holland.
Paris, July 18.

THE Comptroller General of the Finances represented some Days since to the Council, That public Credit and Commerce beginning now to revive, his Opinion was, That the Examining into the new purchased Estates, and taxing the present Owners of them, ought to be laid aside, for fear of the ill Consequences of such an Inquiry, which in all Probability would throw every Thing into as great a Confusion as ever, and put a Damp upon Trade. Upon this the Council met several Times, to examine into that Affair; but what Resolutions have been taken, is still a Secret: However, 'tis the general Opinion, That tho' the Government should think proper at present, for Reasons of State, to defer laying a Tax upon the new Acquisitions, the Mississippians are not likely to fare much better for it, and the Storm will but fall the heavier upon them, the longer the Clouds are gathering, as may be guessed from the Face of Mr. Bourgeois, who has been taxed to 375,000 Livres, for an Estate he bought some Time ago for 1500,000: Which Sum he had paid in State Papers. The Gentlemen of la Tournelle Criminelle try regularly ten Cartouchians a-week, who are all duly executed, most of them upon the Wheel. By Letters from Marseilles of the 4th Instant, we have the Confirmation of the entire Recovery of that City, which is now so healthy, that the Inhabitants of the open Country carry their Wares thither to Market as formerly. On the 13th of this Month the Duke de Maine paid a Visit to the Duchess of Orleans at Versailles: The Duke of Orleans and the Cardinal Dubois were then present, and had a long Conference with that Prince. The three East India Ships that are arrived at Port Lowis in Britanny, are reckoned to bring 14 Millions-worth of Merchandise, and among them, 4 Millions-worth of Silk.

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From the *Whitehall Evening Post*, July 10.

Hamburg, July 10. The Friends of the Muscovite Court pretend, That the Czar's present Expedition to the Caspian Sea, will be finished without the Loss of one Man; but those who perfectly know the Situation of the Countries in that Part of the World talk at another Rate. It is certain, That the Muscovites must pass through a Desert, which is 70 German Miles in Length, before they can reach the Frontiers of the Tartars of Usbeck, and other Districts, which are threatened.

Paris, July 10. The Common Hangman of this City received lately such a large Sum of Money for the Pains and Trouble he was at the last Month, in torturing and executing Robbers, who were Accomplices of the late Cartouche, that he was heard to say, he would not exchange his Employment for the fattest Ecclesiastical Benefice.

London, July 10. To-morrow the Duke of Portland will set out with his Dutchess and Children for Portsmouth, to embark for Jamaica.

His Majesty is now, according to his annual Custom, drinking the Waters of Pyrmont; after which he will remove with the young Princesses, to Hampton Court.

On Sunday Morning died suddenly at her House in Broad Street, the Relict of the late General Hamilton, Governor of the Leeward Islands. She was Mother to Sir Tho. Stappleton, Bart.

From the *London Gazette*, July 10.

Cadiz, June 23. The Spanish Squadron having entered the Straights, has passed by Malaga, in order to cruise against the Algerines. Two Ships of 50 Guns each, with Quick Silver for the West Indies, are in this Bay ready to sail, under the Command of Vice Admiral Don Fernando Chacon. The Marquis of Casafuerte goes over with them to his Viceroyship of Mexico. The Superintendent Don Joseph Patino, sets out from hence, in a few Days for the Court of Madrid. Several Regiments have been lately Reformed, and all remain quiet in those Parts.

From the *St. James's Evening Post*, July 10.

Constantinople, June 5th. 'Tis reported, That the King of Persia is dead at Babylon: whither he had retired after his late Defeat, but the Porte has no Advices of it, altho' the Bashaw of that City, has sent Dispatches hither with an Account of his having assembled 30000 Men for the Security of the Frontiers. 'Tis assured, That the Russian Minister here, has acquainted the Grand Vizier, That the Czar sent an Officer sometime ago to Miriweys, who has newly subdued the Persian Monarchy, to demand Satisfaction for the Damage done to the Caravans of the Russian Merchants returning from China; but this Rebel, far from offering Satisfaction to these just Complaints, sent back the Officer in a very outrageous Manner. Wherefore his Czarish Majesty, not being able to desist from Revenging such Affronts, has judged proper to notify it to the Porte. To which its said, the Grand Vizier made Answer, That his Czarish Majesty was at Liberty to act in that Case as he thought Necessary.

Madrid,

Madrid June 22. At the pressing Instances of the Dutch Secretary residing here, the King has sent Orders to the Governor of Cadiz, to deliver up the 12 Sailors and 2 Boys who lately deserted from the Ships of Holland in that Port.

Leghorn, June 20. Advices from Tunis say, That 18 Christian Slaves had run away from Partina, with the Effects and Baggage belonging to Joarim Coggia, on board a Bark with French Colours, which they seized and carried to Trapani, and that those of Tunis had attack'd the French Inhabitants there, of whom the Regency demands Satisfaction for the Goods carried off.

Vienna, July 1. The Marriage Contract between the Electoral Prince of Bavaria and the Archduchess having been signed by the Emperor, is sent by an Express to Munick. Yesterday a great Conference was held at the Favourita, in which the Emperor and Prince Eugene assisted. The Matter discussed therein, related to the Instances made in this Court by the Muscovite Minister, to give to the Czar his Master, the Title of Emperor of Russia; but this will hardly be granted.

London, July 10. 'Tis laid, Colonel Sinclair, Son of the Lord Sinclair, succeeds Colonel Robert Murray, Member for Wotton Bassett, as Major of the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, and that the Latter has bought the Regiment which was the Lord Hinchingbrook's.

We hear that Money is ordered to pay in a Fortnight's Time, the Bills made out for Navy Contracts for ten Months beginning from December 1720.

From the Evening Post, June 10.

Hague, July 14. When Mr. Walpole took his Leave of the States General, he presented to them the following Memorial. The underwritten Minister Plenipotentiary, having obtained the King his Master's Leave to return to England, he did at the same Time, receive Orders to declare to your High Mightinesses his entire Satisfaction in your Resolution to assist him against his Enemies, in case of Need; conformably to the Treaties; and also in the Chuse you were pleased to make of the Generals and Regiments to be employed, and in the Orders that were immediately given them to hold in a Readiness to be transported into England upon the first Notice. Tho' the Measures and Precautions which have been taken in his Dominions, do at present give Ground to hope he will have no Occasion to demand the Embarkation of those Troops; yet he is nevertheless obliged to your High Mightinesses for your good Intentions, and for that Zeal and Affection with which you continue to give him Proofs of your Friendship.

And this affordeth him the greater Pleasure, because he takes it from your steady Observation of that fundamental Maxim, that the Safety of either of the two Nations depends upon the Safety of the other, and their Interests are so firmly united, as nothing will ever be able to separate them: A Maxim, from which it is his Majesty's Resolution never to depart. These High and Mighty Lords, are the real Sentiments of the King my Master, and I think my self very happy in being charged with Orders in

Respective so agreeable to me; and which gave me an Opportunity at the same time of returning Thanks to your High Mightinesses for the kind Reception I have met with during the short Time I have had the Honour to be employed at this Place I shall always gratefully Acknowledge it; and know no better Way to convince you hereof, than by assuring your High Mightinesses, that by the faithful and exact Account I shall give his Majesty of your Zeal and Affection for the Advancement of his Service. I shall contribute what is in my Power toward maintaining and cultivating the Friendship and good Intelligence that now appear so happily to reign between the two Nations; and that I shall never cease sincerely to wish Prosperity to your High Mightinesses, and to your Government Done at the Hague, July the 6th, 1722.

Signed

H. Walpole.

Whereupon the States General resolved the same Day to answer Mr. Walpole's Memorial. That their High Mightinesses, are very Glad, that thro' His Majesty's wise Measures and Precautions, Affairs are so ordered as his Majesty can for the present, dispense with the Assistance and Troops of the States. That they hope and wish his Majesty may never have Occasion for them; and that his Majesty's Government may never be disturbed by any Enemy, either within or without the Kingdom. That in the mean-while, their High Mightinesses see with Pleasure, that his Majesty took in good Part their sincere Intentions to satisfy their Engagements in case of Need: That they are entirely of his Majesty's Sentiment, with Relation to the fundamental Maxim, That the Safety of both Nations depends entirely upon their Union; That the one cannot subsist without the other, and that their Interests are inseparable for the mutual Preservation of their Liberty and Religion: That his Majesty may assure himself their High Mightinesses will as steadily pursue this Maxim, as himself, and that they will upon all Occasions endeavour to give his Majesty Proofs of the high Esteem they have for his Person and of his Friendship. That for the rest, their High Mightinesses wish Mr. Walpole a good Voyage, assuring him that his Person and Conduct were agreeable to them, &c.

London, July 10. The Hannah, Capt. William Eade, of 300 Tuns and 20 Guns, sets sail on Sunday next, with Stores for Port Mahon.

To-morrow General Sabine sets out for Scotland, to his Regiment which is there.

Thomas Crawford, formerly Secretary of the Embassy at Paris, is appointed his Majesty's Resident at the French Court.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 10.

Madrid, June 22. The King has ordered eight Months of Arrears to be paid to the Spanish Troops, so that six Months Wages remain unsatisfied.

Dantzick, July 4. The Czar has sent an Expres to acquaint the Duke of Mecklenburg, that if he has a mind to reside at Riga till the Campaigne is over, he shall be treated suitable to his Quality, and enjoy a Pension of 8000 Dollars a Month.

Paris, July 15. There is no further Talk of a Reduction of the Troops of this Country.

Vertailes, July 6. The King diverts himself every Day with Hunting, Fishing, and other Exercises, and takes such a Delight in our Castle, Gardens, &c. That in all Appearance his Majesty will not return this Year to Paris. We hear from Strasbourg, that the Abbot Lanyles is imprisoned there for having embaled several curious Books out of a Library, which Mr. Law purchased for 30000 Livres.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, July 12.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from France, with the following Advices, viz.

ON the 7th instant Moses Albhere, by Birth a Jew, and by Religion a Mahometan, was baptized in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas du Chardenet by the Bishop of Xaintes, the King was his God-father, being represented by the Duke de Charost, and the Dutches de Chantilles his God-mother, who named him Lewis. 'Tis confirmed from Marleilles, that that City was entirely recovered, and the Inhabitants of the neighbouring Villages begun to bring into that Town Provisions again as usual.

The Comptroller General of the Finances, having represented some Days ago in Council, That Public Credit and Commerce was Beginning to revive, it was very probable, That if the Tax and Scrutiny of Effects be resolved on, Things will relapse into greater Confusion than ever, it was thought the same would drop.

On the 7th, the Duke du Main went to Versailles, to visit the Dutches of Orleans, where he had a long Conference with the Regent and the Cardinal du Bois, but hath not yet taken Possession of the Appartments that were fitted up for him in the Palace.

These Letters make no Mention of the meditated Reform of the Troops, as was spoke of in the former Accounts; and because of the storing the French Magazines on the Frontiers of Germany, some People are apt to think that Reduction will scarcely be put in Execution this Year.

'Tis advised from Frankfort, that the Elector of Bavaria has ordered 10000 Men to be raised forthwith, and that the King of Prussia designed also considerably to augment his Troops. On the 28th past, General Zumjungen, with several other Imperial Generals, sailed from Genoa for Messina, to command the Emperor's Army there. Several Imperial Regiments are ready to embark on the Coasts of Sicily, in case of Need, for the Island of Malta. Cardinal Althan, the new Vice-Roy of Naples, arrived there from Rome, from whence it is advised that the Chevalier de St. George, upon his Entrance into the 34 Year of his Age, received the Compliments of the Court.

A certain Author remarks, That the Emperor is highly in the Favour of the Pope; and says, God only knows on what Terms the Investiture of Naples was granted him: And adds, That he is the last remaining Male of the Austrian House; and should he, unfortunately, die as young as his Brother did, who can tell where the Imperial Diadem would be fixed, and what Alterations such a Change would make in the Affairs of the Empire, or how far we might be affected with them? For the Princess Sobieski is near related to the Three Electors: And the Obligations the Emperor owes to us, are not as he is Emperor, but as he is Archduke of Austria.

Yesterday No. 56779 was drawn, a Prize of 1000 L. and No. 25924, a Prize of 500 L.

The same Day the Bristol Mail coming up to the Post-office, was again robbed on the Road near Longford, by one Highwayman, who carried off all his Baggs.

Since our Last was exported for Holland 1000 Ounces of Foreign Gold, and 10000 of Silver.

The three Aldermen of St. Albans, against whom an Indictment had been led for Perjury, traversed the same at the Assizes at Hereford last Tuesday; when Sir Samuel Garter, Alderman of this City, and Ralph Freeman, Esq; undertook to be their Bail.

They write from Durham, That last Sunday there happened such a Flood, by the excessive Rains, as has not been known in the Memory of Man: It carried away vast Numbers of Piles of Hay, threw down Garden-walls; and 'tis greatly feared, that all the low Countries will be destroyed of all its Hay and Corn.

'Tis

'Tis confirmed by private Letters this Day, That the Homeward-bound East India Fleet met with a violent Storm beyond the Cape, wherein 20 were lost and 6 amissing, and the rest got into the Cape.

'Tis advised, That the Persian Rebels had overtaken and seized the Sophi, in his Retreat to Babylon, and put out his Eyes.

We hear, that the Armaments of the Russians in the Ports of the East Sea, are so considerable, that it seems they have some considerable Enterprize in View.

Cheesborow and King, who were committed for counterfeiting S. S. Dividend Warrants, were, by the Court of Old Baily, referred to be bail'd before the Lord Mayor; accordingly the said King was Yesterday brought before his Lordship, but not being able to find 600 L. Security, he was remanded back to Newgate.

The Lord Pawlet is still dangerously ill of the Fall from his Horse.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

TH E Meadow called Straiton's Meadow, lying near the City of Edinburgh, to the South of it; containing about Fifty five Acres of im-
provable Ground, commodiously Situate, and having a large House and
Brewary built thereupon: Is to be set in Tack for a long Term of Years,
to commence from Martimals next. Such as have a Mind to take a Lease of
the said Ground, may see the Conditions in the Hands of John Dinn at the
Town Council-chamber, and will find the Magistrats ready to treat with
them. N. B. Bruntsfield-links are to be set at the same Time

[§] The Lands called Shorts Aikers, being Burrows Aikers, consisting of 30 Aikers and an Half, holding of the Town of Stirling, lying near to the South Part thereof, called the Burrows Gate, within the Parochie of Stirling, and Sherrifdom thereof, paying of yearly Rent 63 Bolls, 1 Firlot, 3 Pecks Bear, 12 Bolls Meal, and 1 Boll Pease, with the Carriages of 66 Loads of Coals: As also a great Stone Lodging or Tenement of Land, consisting of 10 Fire Rooms, 2 Closets, Wardrobe, Laidner, Pantry, Brew-House with a Well, 3 Cellars, one Stable, and other Office-houses with one Yard and Clois, and an little House at the Gate thereof, lying at the Foot of St. Mary Wynd, within the said Burgh of Stirling; are to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup or Sale upon Friday the 3d Day of August next, in the House of Henry Dow Writer in Edinburgh, on the South-side of the Land Mercat in the Closs of Fisher's Land in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon. The Rental of the saids Lands and Tenement, and Deductions therefrom, with the Conditions of Roup, and Progress of the Rights thereof, are to be seen in the Hands of the said Henry Dow at his said House.

(††) The New Edition of the Life and Acts of Sir **WILLIAM WALLACE**, by Lieutenant **HAMILTON**, being now finished, the Subscribers may call for their Books at the Shops of Allan Ramsay in Edinburgh, and of William Duncan in Glasgow.

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